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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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1 – DECEMBER MEETING DETAILS:

Happy Holidays! Join your fellow IIE members for a chance to network and share in a holiday gathering. Bring a friend and catch up with old classmates or business associates. Enjoy some leisure time before the “real” holiday rush begins.

This networking event will be held on December 13th, from 5 – 7 pm, at the Fox and Hound in Overland Park. IIE will provide some light appetizers as members mix and mingle. To get to the Fox and Hound simply get to 435 on the south side of the city and take the Metcalf (Hwy 169) exit north. The Fox and Hound is located in the Indian Creek Shopping Center on the west side of the road just north of 105th St. Please contact Keith Johnson at, kjohns7@hallmark.com or 785-845-2729, if you require more detailed directions. We hope to see you there.



2 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Our November meeting about the new Sprint Center in downtown Kansas City was very exciting. The presenters from Burns and McDonnell gave us a great look into the future of downtown Kansas City with the construction of this multipurpose arena. With its completion KC will be able to attract fantastic events that make this a great city and area to live in. I am eager to get a look inside this state-of-the-art building once it is complete. Nice job Jennifer and Robert for organizing this meeting.

Looking ahead December will provide us an opportunity to relax and network with our social gathering at the Fox and Hound in Overland Park. January features our annual joint meeting with ASQ and keep our annual conference in mind for February. We have had a great year of activities and the spring events should be exciting as well.

Keith Johnson

3 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Welcome new members –Judy Aubrecht and Johna Baldassaro

Judy Aubrecht – Judy works at Sprint and has been with Sprint since graduating from Kansas State University in May 2000. She has held many different positions over the years, including Network Engineering and Access. She is currently in the Process Excellence department as a process consultant. Process Excellence enables superior solutions through the use of quality standards and methodologies such as Work-Out, Six Sigma and Change Management. Judy is currently working on her MBA from UMKC. She has been married for two years and bought the house that her great-grandparents built. She and her husband remodel and update the house in their spare time.

Johna Baldassaro – Johna is an Operations Management Associate for General Mills, Inc. in Kansas City. She is currently completing an 18 month new hire rotation program and her current role is as a first-level production manager, leading ten packaging lines and 41 employees. In January, she will be rotating in to the Engineering Department to work with project and system engineering. Johna is a December 2004 graduate from Kansas State University, with a BS in IE and a minor in Business Administration. While at K-State, she was very active with the IIE student chapter, serving as the student chapter president, and is currently on the conference committee for our senior chapter. In September, 2005 Johna married Ryan Baldassaro, so some of you may remember her by her maiden name of Emmot. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, visiting friends and family, and hanging out with her husband and their two dogs.

5 – CHAPTER UPDATE - Chapter Activity Report (CAR)

Our Chapter programs are scored on 3 factors:

- 1) **Number of Programs** – Counting the upcoming December meeting, our Chapter will have held 7 qualifying meetings in 2005. To qualify, a meeting must have a survey. *(5 out of 6 points.)*
- 2) **Quality of Programs** – The quality of programs is determined by the member survey results. Our final score will be determined after the December meeting; the current score summary (on a scale of 1 to 10) is below:

Event	Avg. Score
January: Wal-Mart DC Tour	9.11
February: Annual Conference	9.00
March: TPM Speaker	7.68
September: Boulevard Tour	9.15
October: Harley-Davidson Tour/Mentor Day*	7.91
November: Sprint Center Speakers	8.70

* The Mentor Day score was the average of the tour score and the afternoon score.

(4 out of 5 points)

- 3) **Attendance** – Our Chapter is scored on the percent improvement in member attendance from year to year, as well as the percent improvement in non-member attendance from year to year. The calculations also involve ratios. The December meeting could still adjust the following scores:

Member Attendance at our qualifying 2005 meetings has averaged 15.7 members, a 2% increase in percentage of total membership. *(4 out of 6 points.)*

Non Member Attendance (including students) has averaged 18.8 non-members, a 0.6% decrease based on percent of total membership. *(2 out of 3 points.)*

Jennifer Albers

President Elect

6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Is your company nearing compliance deadlines for RFID? This topic hits close to home for many engineers in the distribution field. If you are interested in this topic, IIE has many related articles. For the “10 Biggest RFID Myths Debunked” navigate to <http://www.ferret.com.au/articles/61/0c038b61.asp> .

7 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Are you looking to continue your education? Whether you are interested in improving management skills, training on ISO applications, or further understanding Six Sigma, IIE offers a variety of professional classes and seminars available online. For more information, review the site below:

www.iieseminars.org .

8 – IIE, DID YOU KNOW?

IIE offers an “Ask the Expert” website that allows you to get fast answers (within two business days) to your workplace challenges from authorities who address all areas of industrial engineering practice.

Do you have a project that you could use a little guidance? Check out the IIE site at <http://www.iienet.org/public/articles/index.cfm?Cat=521>

For more information on IIE, check out headquarter and local chapter websites:

<http://www.iienet.org>

http://www.iienet.org/chapter_index.cfm?chapterid=092

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